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PASS TO: NIH, DR. DONALD FREDRICKSON, DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN
OF THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON RECOMBINANT DNA.

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SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON RECOMBINANT DNA AT BOSE INSTITUTE,
CALCUTTA

1. DR. S.C. BHATTACHARYYA, DIRECTOR, BOSE INSTITUTE, CALCUTTA
DISCUSSED WITH SCICOUNS A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT WORK-
SHOP AT CALCUTTA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER 1978.
BOSE INSTITUTE IS CELEBRATING ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE AND DR.
BHATTACHARYYA WANTS TO HOLD THIS WORKSHOP DURING THE CELEBRA-
TIONS, IF POSSIBLE. IF THERE IS A TIME CONSTRAINT WITH NSF,
DR. BHATTACHARYYA IS WILLING TO POSTPONE THE WORKSHOP TO A
LATER DATE.

2. THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES VISIT OF 10 U.S. SCIENTISTS TO INDIA
FOR THE WORKSHOP. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED IS APPROXIMATELY
30,000 DOLLARS FOR THE TRAVEL, PERDIEM AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.
THIS WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA LIKE
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE, AND AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF INDIAN STUDIES, NEW DELHI.

3. ALEXANDER HOLLANDER OF ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES INC.,
WASHINGTON, D.C. (TEL. 202/462-4475) HAS WRITTEN TO
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BOSE INSTITUTE ON THE SUBJECT WORKSHOP. WE SUGGEST DR. HOLLANDER
TO ACT AS THE U.S. PROJECT DIRECTOR AND COORDINATE THE TRAVEL
OF U.S. SCIENTISTS TO INDIA. YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEND HIM THE
PAPERS FOR SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL AND CHECK WHETHER HE WILL
BE WILLING TO ACT AS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THIS PROJECT.
DR. BHATTACHARYYA FEELS HE MIGHT BE.

4. DR. BHATTACHARYYA HAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH DR. DESHPANDE, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND DST'S PRELIMINARY REVIEW IS FAVORABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP.

5. SINCE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH HAS RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN SETTING AND PUBLISHING GUIDELINES ON RECOMBINANT DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) FOR RESEARCH AND SHOWED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, IT MAY LIKE TO SUPPORT THE TRAVEL OF U.S. SCIENTISTS, IN CASE THE NSF WOULD BE UNABLE TO DO SO DUE TO LACK OF TIME. IF NIH WISHES TO NOMINATE SOME OF ITS OWN OR OTHER SCIENTISTS FOR ATTENDANCE OF THE WORKSHOP, WE WOULD EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY WITH THE ORGANIZERS FOR EXTENDING NECESSARY INVITATIONS TO THE CONCERNED U.S. SCIENTISTS.

6. THE SCIENTIFIC SESSION WOULD COVER:

1. PREPARATION AND PROPERTIES OF RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASES FOR CLEAVING DNA MOLECULES.
2. CONSTRUCTION OF VECTORS FOR DNA CLONING.
3. RECOMBINANT DNA - CURRENT METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.
4. EXPRESSION OF EUKARYOTIC GENES IN PROKARYOTIC SYSTEMS.
5. CELL FUSION TECHNIQUES AND ITS APPLICATION.
6. IN VIVO GENETIC ENGINEERING WITH BROAD HOST-RANGE P-PLASMIDS.

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EXPERIMENTS IN THE LAB:

1. CUTTING AND SPLICING OF DNA MOLECULES AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION.
2. TRANSFORMATION OF CELLS WITH RECOMBINANT DNA.
3. HETERO-DUPLEX MAPPING OF HYBRID PLASMIDS.

7. COPIES OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO NSF, DR. HOLLANDER, AND DR. FREDRICKSON.
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